



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, July 17, 2014– 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall
6812 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

“The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac La Belle for today and tomorrow.”

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Chair Paul Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Paul Carpenter

Dan Bauer

Lou Morgan

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Karen Carr

Mike Fitzsimmons

3. Comments from the Floor

There were no comments from the floor at this time.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Kathy Buss, City of Oconomowoc, regarding lake levels:
(6/23, 7/3 and 7/11)

June 20, 2014 –Beverly Saunders, SEWRPC, re: LLBMD meeting invite

June 20, 2014 – Mike Jones, USDA, re: 2014 Goose Round-Up

June 23, 2014 – Peter Carpenter re: LLBMD website

June 25, 2014 – Don Dittmar, Waukesha County LIO, re: maps for Goose Round-Up

June 26, 2014 – Waukesha County Parks & Land Use staff re: Runyard letter and plan

July 9, 2014 – Inland Lake Harvesters, Inc. re: weed cutting opportunities for the District

July 11, 2014 – Mark Mickelson re: Cooperative Streambank Restoration project update

5. Approval of Minutes

D. Bauer moved to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2014 LLBMD meeting as presented.

L. Morgan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

L. Morgan L. Morgan moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports for July, 2014 as presented. D. Bauer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

Tim Clark, Village of Lac La Belle President, requested the payment due from the LLBMD for the Cooperative Streambank Restoration Project be made immediately as the motion to do so took place at the last LLBMD Commissioners meeting. A payment had not been received by the Village staff at this time.

L. Morgan moved to approve the Payment Authorizations for July, 2014 as presented and to provide payment to the Village of Lac La Belle in the amount of \$50,000.00 as discussed at the June 19, 2014 LLBMD Commission meeting. D. Bauer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Presentation by Beverly Saunders, Senior Specialist of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission (SEWRPC)

Beverly Saunders, Senior Specialist of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission (SEWRPC), was present to speak to the role that SEWRPC could provide in compiling and reporting data about management of Lac La Belle. She noted a Water Quality Management Plan had been completed in 2007 and could be updated in the next few years. It was helpful to have an updated plan to coincide with grant requests as the Department of Natural Resources and other agencies would then be aware of the necessary support being requested. This awareness was also helpful in various watershed management activities, such as aquatic plant management harvesting permits. She also noted it is important to have all recommendations up-to-date with current lake activities and habitat changes.

B. Saunders then explained the various options available to the Commission including a Shoreland Assessment Report, a Water Quality Analysis Report of specific tributaries, and a Comprehensive Lake Study. She also noted smaller special projects could be accomplished as well that might include data collected on one specific aspect of the lake, such as a water quality analysis related to chloride levels or an area being considered for change, such as a buffer area or a high groundwater recharge area. In addition, there could be a special project that would include a specific area, such as the newly constructed Golf Course stormwater basin, and then a larger aspect of a plan, such as consideration of stormwater needs throughout the watershed. Some typical types of plans for a lake like Lac La Belle might include a shoreland assessment, consideration of upstream sources of erosion, a comprehensive analysis of water quality data trends over time, an aquatic plant survey, watershed maps that call out a specific segment, such as a Shoreland Buffer Analysis or a groundwater recharge area, and even a Comprehensive Lake Study when needed. Small scale projects typically cost \$5,000-\$7,500. A larger type of plan that would include field components would range from \$7,500-\$12,000 in cost. She went on to explain changes would be noted in the finished projects that differed from the current Water Quality Management Report. Maps would be produced to correlate with the data that would offer better guidance to lake management overall. Shoreline assessments would also provide a comprehensive look at the lake to determine areas that should be protected from erosion. An update to the current Water Quality Management Report could

be undertaken that would compile all studies conducted recently by various agencies and bring them all together in one document.

She also noted there were two types of grants available to lake districts and the grant process had been streamlined to include standard applications for each type of grant. More information on the grant programs would be available at the next meeting.

On behalf of the Commission, P. Carpenter thanked B. Saunders for being present and attending the August 21, 2014 Annual Meeting as a speaker.

9. Update on Cooperative Streambank Restoration Project - Golf Course Stream

T. Clark stated the Cooperative Streambank Restoration project was complete. All contractor work had been completed, the fencing restored and grasses were well established around the perimeter of the pond area. He had spoken with area residents since the most recent heavy rainfall and learned that the water coming into the lake was "tea stained" in color but not silted as in the past. He suggested Mark Mickelson, Engineer of Yaggy Colby, provide a short presentation on the project at the Annual Meeting.

10. Update on Navigational Buoys on Lac La Belle & Distribution of LLB Buoy Maps

L. Morgan explained the buoy placement had been completed this year; however, several reports of the buoys being placed in different locations than last year had been received. Two new buoys were needed. He would work with Town of Oconomowoc staff to determine if any new buoys were available and the grant process could begin as well. He also explained that the maps were printed but he had not distributed them because they did not currently match what was on the lake. Discussion ensued. Consensus was indicated by Commissioners to hold the maps until later in the season to determine accuracy for buoy placement.

11. Update on 2014 Shoreland Restoration Program

K. Carr had begun work on the 2014 Shoreland Restoration program. There were three candidates interested in the program this year. A potential planting review date of July 30, 2014 had been set and more information would be available at the next meeting.

12. Update on 2014 Goose Round-Up

P. Carpenter explained plans for the 2014 Goose Round-Up were complete. The Round-Up was originally scheduled for June 30, 2014; however, changes in the USDA Staff schedule had moved the date to June 24, 2014. After two scheduled attempts, P. Carpenter stated 29 of 36 geese were collected this year.

13. Discuss and Act on Annual Meeting Draft Agenda & Terms of Commissioners

P. Carpenter reviewed the Annual Meeting draft agenda for the Commissioners. Suggestions were made to add in an item regarding an update on the Cooperative Streambank Restoration project.

P. Carpenter recessed the meeting at 8:13 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

14. Discuss & Act on Preliminary 2015 Budget

In the absence of M. Fitzsimmons, P. Carpenter provided highlights to the Preliminary 2015 Budget. The proposed levy reflected an increase from last year due to the contributions for the Cooperative Streambank Restoration project. Allocations for carp remediation were shown to allow the ability to hire a commercial fisherman to work the lake. Costs for a Goose Round-Up were budgeted a bit higher than typical due to the potential for testing requirements. The Cooperative Escrow amounts were part of the District's obligation with the Village of Lac La Belle for future maintenance of the stormwater basin at the Golf Course. Shoreland Restoration costs were in anticipation of three potential projects instead of two projects for the upcoming year.

Discussion ensued regarding any changes to the budget. It was suggested that consideration of a future lake study be added to the budget as it would be helpful in applying for future grants for the District. There had been a substantial amount of change in the land use along the northern and eastern watershed areas in the past few years that would likely have impacted the runoff to the lake. Based on information shared by B. Saunders regarding the timeline for completion of a lake study project, it would be prudent to begin planning for the study at this time. It was also noted that the commercial fisherman's contract included a fall carp removal later this year as well. A suggestion was made to omit the carp remediation for the 2015 budget and allocate the same amount of funds toward a future lake study.

D. Bauer moved to approve the Preliminary 2015 Budget with a change in allocation from Carp Remediation to Future SEWRPC Lake Study in the same dollar amount. D. Zimmerman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

15. Discuss & Act on 2014 Annual Meeting Budget Notice

P. Carpenter reviewed the 2014 Annual Meeting Budget Notice for the Commission. Suggested changes included adding a report from Mark Mickelson, Engineer of SEH, regarding the Cooperative Streambank Restoration Project, and to include a Report on the Annual Audit as part of the agenda.

L. Morgan moved to approve the 2014 Annual Meeting Budget Notice as amended. D. Bauer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

16. Discuss & Act on Updating the LLBMD Website

S. Keefe, of Accurate Business Communications, Inc., explained the LLBMD website had been having issues recently due to changes in the current operational structure of the website. Technology was constantly improving and changing and the website required update. The website could continue to operate in its current state; however, over time would become more difficult and costly to do. A transition to a newer updated style and structure of the website could take place at the time of annual maintenance and would provide a cost benefit to do so. S. Keefe explained the cost to change the website in addition to the annual maintenance costs and yearly hosting fees. Components such as the map and other interactive areas of the website would continue with the new website and would become more user-friendly with mobile applications as well. Discussion ensued regarding the fees and costs associated with updating the website. D. Bauer stated he was aware of technological changes in the industry as well. It seemed to be an easy switch that would provide a benefit. D. Zimmerman agreed.

L. Morgan moved to update the current website design as discussed. D. Bauer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

a. Topics for the website

S. Keefe noted all requested updates and additions to the Links portion of the website were complete.

17. Set Next Meeting Date for Regular Meeting (September, 2014)

The next meeting would be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. The next meeting of the LLBMD Commission would be the Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. Beverly Saunders would be in attendance as speaker at the Annual Meeting.

18. Agenda Topics for Next Regular Meeting

The following topics were suggested for inclusion on the next regular meeting agenda:

- Update on 2014 Shoreland Restoration Program
- Update on Navigational Buoy Locations & Distribution of the LLB Buoy Maps
- Update on the Website Changes
- Update on Lang Road Culvert
- Discuss and Act on Application for Grant for Future Lake Study.

19. Adjournment

D. Bauer moved to adjourn from the meeting. D. Zimmerman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.